

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

7

Of

7

## **Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/476,689
Filing Date	December 30, 1999
First Named Inventor	Kent C.B. Stalker
Group Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	ACS-52008

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No. $\sqrt{}$		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if Known)			

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if Known)				
Rb		EPO	0 427 429 A2		C. R. Bard, Inc.	05-15-1991		
Rb		EPO	0 472 334 A1		Cook Incorporated	02-26-1992		
Rb		PCT	WO92/03097		Evi Corporation	03-05-1992		
Rb		PCT	WO96/01591		Microvena Corp.	01-25-1996		
Rb		PCT	WO97/17100		Embol-X, Inc.	05-15-1997		
Rb		PCT	WO99/23976		Salviac Limited	05-20-1999		

## **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T

Examiner  
Signature

173277.1

Date  
Considered

4/30/02

RECEIVED  
MAY 12 2000  
TECHNICAL CENTER 3700

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

6

Of

7

Filing Date

December 30, 1999

First Named Inventor

Kent C.B. Stalker

Group Art Unit

3762

Examiner Name

Unknown

Attorney Docket Number

ACS-52008

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if Known)			
RL		5,846,260		Maahs	12-08-1998	
RL		5,848,964		Samuels	12-15-1998	
RL		5,868,708		Hart et al.	02-09-1999	
RL		5,876,367		Kaganov et al.	03-02-1999	
RL		5,897,567		Ressemann et al.	04-27-1999	
RL		5,910,154		Tsugita et al.	06-08-1999	
RL		5,911,734		Tsugita et al.	06-15-1999	
RL		5,941,896		Kerr	08-24-1999	
RL		5,968,071		Chevillon et al.	10-19-1999	
RL		5,976,172		Homsma et al.	11-02-1999	
RL		5,980,555		Barbut et al.	11-09-1999	
RL		5,989,281		Barbut et al.	11-23-1999	
RL		6,001,118		Daniel et al.	12-14-1999	
RL		6,013,093		Nott et al.	01-11-2000	

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if Known)				

## **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T

Examiner  
Signature

173277.1

Date  
Considered

4/30/02

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

5

Of

7

Application Number

09/476,689

Filing Date

December 30, 1999

First Named Inventor

Kent C.B. Stalker

Group Art Unit

3762

Examiner Name

Unknown

Attorney Docket Number

ACS-52008

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if Known)			
RL		5,769,816		Barbut et al.	06-23-1998	
RL		5,772,674		Nakhjavan	06-30-1998	
RL		5,779,716		Cano et al.	07-14-1998	
RL		5,792,145		Bates et al.	08-11-1998	
RL		5,792,156		Perouse	08-11-1998	
RL		5,792,157		Mische et al.	08-11-1998	
RL		5,795,322		Boudewijn	08-18-1998	
RL		5,800,457		Gelbfish	09-01-1998	
RL		5,800,525		Bachinski et al.	09-01-1998	
RL		5,810,874		Lefebvre	09-22-1998	
RL		5,814,064		Daniel et al.	09-29-1998	
RL		5,827,324		Cassell et al.	10-27-1998	
RL		5,833,650		Imran	11-10-1998	
RL		5,836,868		Ressemann et al.	11-17-1998	
RL		5,846,251		Hart	12-08-1998	

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if Known)				

## **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T*

Examiner  
Signature

Date  
Considered

4/30/02

173277.1

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

4

Of

7

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/476,689
Filing Date	December 30, 1999
First Named Inventor	Kent C.B. Stalker
Group Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	ACS-52008

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if Known)			
RG		5,549,626		Miller et al.	08-27-1996	
RG		5,601,595		Smith	02-11-1997	
RG		5,626,605		Irie et al.	05-06-1997	
RG		5,634,942		Chevillon et al.	06-03-1997	
RG		5,649,953		Lefebvre	07-22-1997	
RG		5,662,671		Barbut et al.	09-02-1997	
RG		5,669,933		Simon et al.	09-23-1997	
RG		5,681,347		Cathcart et al.	10-28-1997	
RG		5,695,518		Laerum	12-09-1997	
RG		5,695,519		Summers et al.	12-09-1997	
RG		5,720,764		Naderlinger	02-24-1998	
RG		5,725,550		Nadal	03-10-1998	
RG		5,746,767		Smith	05-05-1998	
RG		5,755,790		Chevillon et al.	05-26-1998	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if Known)				

**OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T

Examiner Signature	<i>Reg</i>	Date Considered	4/30/02
-----------------------	------------	--------------------	---------

1732771

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	3	Of	7
-------	---	----	---

Application Number	09/476,689
Filing Date	December 30, 1999
First Named Inventor	Kent C.B. Stalker
Group Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	ACS-52008

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if Known)			
RG		5,102,415		Guenther et al.	04-07-1992	
RG		5,108,419		Reger et al.	04-28-1992	
RG		5,152,777		Goldberg et al.	10-06-1992	
RG		5,160,342		Reger et al.	11-03-1992	
RG		5,192,286		Phan et al.	03-09-1993	
RG		5,324,304		Rasmussen	06-28-1994	
RG		5,329,942		Gunther et al.	07-19-1994	
RG		5,330,482		Gibbs et al.	07-19-1994	
RG		5,350,398		Pavcnik et al.	09-27-1994	
RG		5,370,657		Irie	12-06-1994	
RG		5,383,887		Nadal	01-24-1995	
RG		5,421,832		Lefebvre	06-06-1995	
RG		5,490,859		Mische et al.	02-13-1996	
RG		5,496,277		Termin et al.	03-05-1996	
RG		5,496,330		Bates et al.	03-05-1996	
RG		5,501,694		Ressemann et al.	03-26-1996	

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if Known)				

## **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	4/30/02
-----------------------	---	--------------------	---------

173277.1

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	2	Of	7
-------	---	----	---

Application Number	09/476,689
Filing Date	December 30, 1999
First Named Inventor	Kent C.B. Stalker
Group Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	ACS-52008

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if Known)			
RG		4,790,813		Kensey	12-13-1988	
RG		4,794,928		Kletschka	01-03-1989	
RG		4,832,055		Palestrant	05-23-1989	
RG		4,873,978		Ginsburg	10-17-1989	
RG		4,921,478		Solano et al.	05-01-1990	
RG		4,921,484		Hillstead	05-01-1990	
RG		4,969,891		Gewertz	11-13-1990	
RG		4,990,156		Lefebvre	02-05-1991	
RG		4,997,435		Demeter	03-05-1991	
RG		4,998,539		Delsanti	03-12-1991	
RG		5,053,008		Bajaj	10-01-1991	
RG		5,064,428		Cope et al.	11-12-1991	
RG		5,071,407		Termin et al.	12-10-1991	
RG		5,092,839		Kipperman	03-03-1992	
RG		5,100,425		Fischell et al.	03-31-1992	

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if Known)				

## **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T

Examiner Signature	Ro2 Ghafoorian	Date Considered	4/30/02
-----------------------	----------------	--------------------	---------

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

Of

7

Application Number

09/476,689

Filing Date

December 30, 1999

First Named Inventor

Kent C.B. Stalker

Group Art Unit

3762

Examiner Name

Unknown

Attorney Docket Number

ACS-52008

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if Known)			
RL		3,952,747		Kimmell, Jr.	04-27-1976	
RL		4,452,908		Simon	01-17-1984	
RL		4,494,531		Gianturco	01-22-1985	
RL		4,612,931		Dormia	09-23-1986	
RL		4,619,246		Molgaard-Nielsen et al.	10-28-1986	
RL		4,643,184		Mobin-Uddin	02-17-1987	
RL		4,650,466		Luther	03-17-1987	
RL		4,662,885		DiPisa, Jr.	05-05-1987	
RL		4,688,553		Metals	08-25-1987	
RL		4,706,671		Weinrib	11-17-1987	
RL		4,723,549		Wholey et al.	02-09-1988	
RL		4,727,873		Mobin-Uddin	03-01-1988	
RL		4,781,177		Lebigot	11-01-1988	
RL		4,790,812		Hawkins, Jr. et al.	12-13-1988	

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Office	Number	Kind Code (if Known)				

## **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T*

Examiner  
Signature

R62 Ghafoorian

Date  
Considered

4/30/02

173277.1